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Trade with Bahrain

6282. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bahrain is keen to invest in India and has urged the Indian Government to make changes in the law to enable individual foreign investors to become a player in the market;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the Chairman, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce held discussions with various leaders on this issue; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the discussions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d) A 20 members delegation from Bahrain led by Mr. Ali Ben Yousuf Fukhro, Chairman, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry visited India during April, 9—16, 1994, at the invitation of FICCI/ASSOCHAM. The delegation had meetings with the apex bodies of trade and industry in the country and also called on the Minister of State for Commerce and Minister of State for External Affairs. During these discussions, the delegation sought suitable changes in the various Indian laws and procedures to enable them to invest in India to collaborate with Indian businessmen. The delegation was informed about the various liberalization measures undertaken by the Government in the fields of trade, industry, foreign investment etc.

Proposal to sign UPOV—1978

6283. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD.

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to sign the Convention of 'Union Purla Protection des Obstentions Vegetalis' (UPOV—1978);

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) by when the Convention is likely to be signed by Government; and

(d) what will be the major implications and specific benefits to India by joining this Convention?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Indo-US Relations under Strain

6284. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-US relations have come under severe strain following sudden insistence of the US Government in inclusion of social cause in the just concluded GATT deal with which is accepted threatens to impart of big jolt to Indias export competitiveness; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government and steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.